

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Yu MINAKUCHI, et al. |) | |
| |) | Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned |
| Serial No.: To Be Assigned |) | |
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| Filed: March 21, 2000 |) | Examiner: To Be Assigned |
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| For: INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION/ |) | |
| REPRODUCTION CONTROL APPARATUS, |) | |
| INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION/ |) | |
| REPRODUCTION CONTROL METHOD, AND |) | |
| COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING |) | |
| MEDIUM RECORDED WITH INFORMATION |) | |
| DISTRIBUTION/REPRODUCTION CONTROL |) | |
| PROGRAM |) | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

*Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231*

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Page 123, Claim 12 (the last claim on the page), change "12" to --13--.

Page 124, Claim 13, change "13" to --14--.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the claims as originally filed.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.